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1. WE URGE YOU TO DO WHAT YOU CAN--WORKING WITH SYG LUNS,
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GENERAL GOODPASTOR AND MC CHAIRMAN HILL-NORTON--TO TURN

AROUND OR AT LEAST MODIFY REPORTED GREEK DECISION TO WITHDRAW GREEK STAFF OFFICERS FROM SHAPE.

2. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER SUGGESTING FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL TO DELAY OR MODIFY GREEK ACTION, AND TO THIS END SHOULD APPROACH SENIOR GREEK OFFICIALS AT NATO HQ. AND SHAPE:

A. ALLOWING GREEK OFFICERS TO GO ON LEAVE STATUS.
B. URGING THAT THEY SIMPLY STAY AWAY FROM THE OFFICE.
C. PLACING THEM IN TEMPORARY BILLET IN BRUSSELS UNDER GREEK MILREP (WE ASSUME ORDERS DO NOT APPLY TO HIM).

3. IMPORTANT POINT, OF COURSE, IS THAT GREEK OFFICERS NOT RPT NOT RETURN EN MASSE TO ATHENS, OR THAT FORMAL GREEK TIES TO SHAPE BE BROKEN. SUCH A MOVE WILL BE UNDERSTOOD AS, AND MAY WELL REPRESENT, GREEK SIGNAL OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO.

4. FOR ATHENS: YOU SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER STEPS YOU CAN TO REVERSE OR MODIFY DECISION REPORTED REFTEL. KISSINGER

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